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Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated January 22, 2001. As of this Response, the claims (i.e. claims 1-53) of the above-identified application read as follows:

1. A method of enhancing milk component production in a ruminant, the method comprising:
providing a feed that comprises a sugar alcohol; and
supplying the sugar alcohol to the abomasum of the ruminant.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein supplying the sugar alcohol to the abomasum of the ruminant comprises:
protecting the sugar alcohol from significant alteration in the rumen of the ruminant; and
orally feeding the feed to the ruminant.
3. The method of claim 2, the method further comprising protecting the sugar alcohol from substantial alteration in the rumen of the ruminant.